

## STYLE AT THE PIER

An Ominous Rumor of Paniers and Overskirts Impending.

## SOME SECRETS OF AUTUMN

Skirt With Fifty-Two Ruffles—Casino Gown—Hale of Tail Women Unconventional in a Republic.

For mortal man to know the future but to altogether an advantage? Mortal woman, look ahead in fear and trembling, shoulders with apprehension.

For in the near future, plainly discernible from the present she sees the overcoat, the panier and the ruffle. For that matter, the overskirt is here, the panier is already being "built" in the shops for actual sale in the fall. And as for ruffles—

I have just received a letter from one of the leading milliners, not of Europe but of our own land, and therein he says that he has recently finished a dress with fifty-two narrow ruffles falling over each other's heels



THE LADY OF THE PHILLS.

all the way from the belt to the hem, lapping over each other like the tiny shingles on some of those curious Swiss chalets in the Valais. Think of that, oh ye women with sewing machines whose honest pride it is to make your own dresses! Fifty-two ruffles! To have eighteen is common enough, ten is scant, six not to be thought of. Taste seemed at one time to have the dressmaker conquered, but the irrepressible conflict has broken out afresh, and taste has fled until the storm blows over—and its feelings are no longer ruffles.

Really tasteful and artistic modes can be followed by the amateur fashioner of gowns because their keynote is simplicity. That is why the heart of the dressmaker yearns for the fifty-two ruffles and all that they represent.

But, gentle ladies, all a truce to melancho! No style, not even the most debased, can long survive the constant movement for change. And is not the air fresh and balmy, and the sun bright, and the sky blue, and do not great banks of wild roses bloom all the way from the queer eagle-decorated water tower to Watch Hill? And does not the smiling sea beat itself to foam against the finest of curving beaches, and just there where the breakers chase each other up the sloping sand are not the buoys from the cottages and the "transients" from the hotels disporting themselves in the surf? And are not these baby wagons trundled by white-capped bonnets? And isn't the ocean itself a sea-green robe trimmed with ruffles along the edges?

The beach is one great fact at Narguensis. The other is the Casino, and the chief use of the Casino, with its brown rock underpinning and quaint turreted roof and broad piazzas, is, of course, the display of the Casino gown. The Casino gown is in the shades considered most trying. It is in ruffles and in ribbons and in braids and in shoulder puffs. The ribbon, thrown about the skirt by way of excusing the lack of ruffles, is a pretty compromise for those who are holding out against the ruffle as best they can.

A lady whom I saw a few days ago, a lady who is rather plump, but has no blow of letting her gown confess it, had a cleverly designed gown. Four rows of wide satin ribbon the skirt here, the rows running about the back of the skirt and across the side nearly

perking themselves and making all sorts of rebellious lifts below them about the arms.

The plump woman rippled all over like the petals of an immense double peony. And she wasn't so very big either. I mean it literally when I call her "plump." She didn't belong in the category of fat women; but ruffles, airy as they may seem, add to one's apparent weight, and so, of course, to one's really effective weight, terribly.

But to turn to pleasanter themes. The simplest frocks on the beach, and so very likely the prettiest, are of plain white drill with navy blue trimmings. Take one of these with a broad white drilling hat covered with corn flowers, and the summer girl looks, as she probably feels, in vacation mood, be-dighted for the midsummer holidays. Brown drill is pretty when it is pretty; that sounds enigmatical, but it's a simple question of complexion; girls who are pretty in brown drill are and those who aren't aren't, and that's the end of it. The brown drill frocks have blue and pink and scarlet trimmings, and the handsomest woman who wore one today had an enormous bunch of field lilies at her belt. I could cry when I see the orange and black beauties, for they make me think of the drowsy hum of the berry pastures at home and the smell of the sweet fern and a half grown girl's strange midsummer dreams.

Pretty boating dresses are always interesting, because they are almost as useful to the girl who is aquatic only in theory as to the girl who is aquatic in watery reality. The girl who boats only upon the cottage veranda or, at most, upon a log of driftwood on the sands, wears butcher blue linen, with coat turned back with broad lapels of black moire. Her folded handkerchief bodice is of black silk and her hat is a picturesque black straw with blue ribbons.

The girl who boats upon the summer seas wears a blue or green hopack serge that will stand water, and that is bestrided with no adornments but the inevitable shoulder frills, which have black head trimmings. She has a black belt, in all probability, and she has a patching cap or maybe a sailor hat, with simple blue or green ribbons.

ELLEN OSBORN.



A VALUABLE LANTERN.

A will written with a pencil on a shingle was once admitted to probate in the United States. The author of "Gossip of the Century" tells a story still more curious. Two British soldiers, comrades, while talking over the chances of war on the eve of a battle, agreed that whichever of them survived the other should inherit all his possessions. To insure the carrying out of their agreement, they made their wills. As paper and pens were not at hand, they scratched their "last will and testament" on a horn lantern with a rusty nail. The battle was fought, and one of the comrades was killed. The other man, in course of time, returned to England, carrying with him the single document. He took it to the probate court, where it was proved and allowed. Then it appeared that the poor fellow who had died in battle had, without hearing of it, inherited property yielding two hundred pounds a year, and the legate under the horn-lantern will received the inheritance.

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Mrs. Fox to Anna M. Fox, lot 1, sec 14, sec 13, Caledonia, \$2,300.  
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Arend J. Ten Raa to Johann Ten Raa, lots 17, 18 and 19, Block 34 add., \$1,250.  
Laura Berg to Henry J. Nickerson, Poulson on sec. 7 and 18, Wilson, \$2,000.  
Walter G. Tuttle to Samuel J. Roach, a 30 foot lot 30 and 31, Street's sub., \$1,800.  
Rogey W. Butterfield to August Meyer, lot 9, block 3, Gunnison's sub., \$625.  
Alfred E. Broughton to Edwin E. Hall, lots 18 and 19, block 1, Everett's add., \$500.  
Philip Banasiewicz to Daniel Hinbeck, w 1/2 lot 10, Gold street, Scriber's add., \$2,000.  
George VanDe Boer to Wm. Hoonder, s 1/2 n 1/2 lots 7 and 8, block 14, Sleeper's add., \$1,000.  
Robert Knott to Thomas J. Scott, lot 1, block 3, Fisher's add., \$700.  
J. M. Stevens to George VanDe Boer, lot 8, De Vries add., \$650.  
J. W. Goss to James L. Bousquet, part n 1/2 sec 14 section 23, Wyoming, \$120.  
John A. Vander Velde to Wm. Liverson, sec 14, sec 14, section 23, Wyoming, \$600.  
Joseph Ellison to M. Kunkel, trustee, s 1/2 sec 14, section 23, Wyoming, \$100.  
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Hubert Dams and wife to John T. Miller, a 23 ft lot 2, blk 3, L. Porter's add., \$1,000.  
Elizabeth M. Turner to L. S. Sponsler and wife, pt lot 11, letter N, Richmond's add., \$600.

## Marriage Licenses.

The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued since last publication, with the names, residences (when out of the city) and ages of the parties: